

RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Under Wisconsin Relocation Law, public agencies and local governments undertaking a publicly-funded activity that displaces persons from their homes, farms, or businesses are required to file a relocation plan with the state's Relocation Unit. The overall goal is to minimize the hardship to persons affected by the public project.

A relocation plan needs to explain the steps the agency or local government unit has taken to:

- Help displaced owners and tenants find suitable replacement dwellings, farms or business locations.
- Inform displaced persons on available state, federal, and local assistance programs.
- Determine costs of relocation payments and services.
- Ensure that persons are not required to vacate dwellings until they have had a reasonable chance to find replacement dwellings.

The Relocation Unit can help governments and agencies develop equitable relocation plans, payments, and services, and also can assist in the resolution of disagreements. It can provide informational materials on relocation and eminent domain laws, as well as sample formats for plans and waivers.

Interested agencies and governments should contact Alan Rabin, at 608/267-8926 or use his e-mail at: Alan.Rabin@Wisconsin.gov for further assistance.